

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
MACON DIVISION**

**JOHNNY CONNER NICHOLS,**

**Plaintiff,**

**VS.**

**DR. EDWARD HALE BURNSIDE,**

**Defendant.**

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**NO. 5:11-CV-116 (MTT)**

**Proceedings Under 42 U.S.C. §1983  
Before the U.S. Magistrate Judge**

**ORDER**

Before the Court is a Motion to Stay (Doc.18) wherein Defendant Dr. Edward Hale Burnside requests that discovery in this action be stayed pending resolution of his pending Motion to Dismiss (Doc. 16). Given the nature of the Motion to Dismiss, it is in the interests of justice to stay discovery pending resolution of the motion, in order to avoid any potentially unnecessary costs and burdens associated with further litigation. Accordingly, said Motion is hereby **GRANTED** as follows: Discovery is stayed until the pending Motion to Dismiss has been resolved or until further order of the Court.

**SO ORDERED**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

s/ Charles H. Weigle  
Charles H. Weigle  
United States Magistrate Judge